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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES SCIATT'S COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH POLISH OFFICIALS REGARDING ADMINISTRATION OF JOINT FUND. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH A-3 OF THE DAVIES-KRZAK EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF DECEMBER 11, 1976, WE SHARE POLISH VIEW EXPRESSED IN REFTEL THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FORMULATE GUIDELINES DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT A
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UNIFORM INTERPRETATION BY THE AGENCIES OF BOTH SIDES WHEN THEYWANT TO APPROVE "APPROPRIATELY RELATED" JOINTLY-FUNDED PROJECTS. GIVEN IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW IS A PROVISIONAL SET OF GUIDELINES. PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY ARE STILL INCOMPLETE AND MUST ALSO BE DISCUSSED WITH US TECHNICAL AGENCIES. WE WOULD WELCOME SCIATT'S COMMENTS BUT PLEASE DO NOT REPEAT DO NOT GIVE THEM TO THE POLES AT THIS TIME.

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2. PROVISIONAL GUIDELINES FOR USE OF POLISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE US-POLISH JOINT FUND:

IN APPROVING PROJECTS FUNDED IN PART WITH POLISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOINT FUND, USG PARTICIPATING AGENCIES WILL BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHICH ARE DERIVED FROM THE APPLICABLE US-POLISH AGREEMENTS GOVERNING OPERATION OF THE FUND.

1. IN ORDER FOR ANY POLISH PROPOSAL TO BE SUPPORTED UNDER THE JOINT FUND,WHOLLY OR IN PART FROM POLISH CONTRIBUTIONS, A US AGENCY MUST APPROVE IT ON THE BASIS OF THE AGENCY'S INTEREST AND ON THE SCIENTIFIC MERIT OF THE PROPOSAL.

2. PROJECTS FINANCED AT LEAST ONE-THIRD BY EACH SIDE WILL BE TERMED JOINTLY FINANCED PROJECTS.

3. ON JOINTLY FINANCED PROJECTS SOME OF THE POLISH FINANCING WILL REPLACE THAT PORTION OF REMAINING UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF US FUNDING WHICH IS APPLIED TO ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES OF US AND POLISH TRAVELERS AND PER DIEM AND MISCELLANEOUS TRAVEL EXPENSES OF POLISH TRAVELERS IN THE UNITED STATES (HEREAFTER CALLED "INTERNATIONAL CHARGES").

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4. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL "INTERNATIONAL CHARGES" IS THE UNSPENT US BALANCE IN A PROJECT AT THE TIME IT BECOMES JOINTLY FINANCED.

5. ONLY THE ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES FOR AMERICAN AND POLISH TRAVELERS MAY BE CHARGED AGAINST A DOLLAR-DENOMINATED ACCOUNT DRAWING ON CONVERTIBLE US-OWNED ZLOTYS,WITH A $1,250,000 CEILING AS DESCRIBED IN THE DAVIES-KRZAK EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF DECEMBER 11, 1976,IF THE PROJECT IS FINANCED AT LEAST ONE-THIRD BY EACH SIDE.

6. USG PARTICIPATING AGENCIES HAVE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING WHETHER AN INCREASE IN SCOPE OF A PROJECT FROM POLISH DEPOSITS IS JUSTIFIED AND WHETHER ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY IS APPROPRIATELY RELATED TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS FUNDED ENTIRELY BY US DEPOSITS.

7. MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN ARRANGING FOR CO-GRANTEES OR SUB-GRANTEES ON EITHER SIDE IS ENCOURAGED, WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE US AGENCY. PARTICULAR PROJECTS MAY ALSO BE DIVIDED INTO RELATED SUB-PROJECTS FOR CONVENIENCE IF THE AGENCY BELIEVES THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP. THE

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GUIDING PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE TO SUPPORT MERITORIOUS WORK OF INTEREST TO THE US AGENCY.

8. BECAUSE JOINTLY FINANCED PROJECTS INVOLVE USE OF US-OWNED FOREIGN CURRENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (THE BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS) APPROVE PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY US AGENCIES FOR SUCH FINANCING. VANCE

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